

In the second line of claim 9, please delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--.

In the first line of claim 10, please delete "one of the claims 1 to 6" and insert --claim 1 or 2--.

In the first line of claim 11, please delete "claim 1 to 6" and insert --claim 1 or 2--.

In the second line of claim 12, please delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--.

In the third line of claim 12, please delete "one or more of claims 1 to 6" and insert --claim 1 or 2--.

In the first line of claim 13, please delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--.

In the first line of claim 14, please delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--.

In the first line of claim 15, please delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--.

In the first line of claim 16, please delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--.

In the first line of claim 17, please delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--.

In the first line of claim 18, please delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--.

In the first line of claim 20, please delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--.

In the first line of claim 21, please delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--.

In the first line of claim 22, please delete "one of the claims 11 or 13, characterized in that" and insert --claim 11, wherein--.

In the first line of claim 23, please delete "one of the claims 11, 13 to 15, and 19, characterized in that" and insert --claim 11, wherein--.

In the first line of claim 24, please delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--.

In the first line of claim 25, please delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--.

In the first line of claim 26, please delete "one of the claims 15, 24 or 25, characterized in that" and insert

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